

**Remarks**


In the present Application, claims 8 to 10 have been cancelled. Claims 1 to 7 remain pending. Examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In Response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2003, Applicants elect to pursue Group I, claims 1 to 7, without traverse. Applicants submit that this election and cancellation of claims does not require a change to the inventorship listed in the application as originally filed.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative Alan Stewart at 612.371.5376.

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